जोड़ने की योजना बनाई है। ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में तार-सुविधाएं प्रदान करने के लिए तारों का आदान-प्रदान नजदीक के छोटे शहरों से टेलीफोन (फोनोग्राम सेवा की भांति) के माध्यम से किया जाएगा।

मध्य दिल्ली और दक्षिणी दिल्ली में टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के लिए प्रतीक्षा सूची

798. मौलाना अबेदुल्ला खान आजमी: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य दिल्ली और दक्षिणी दिल्ली में टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के लिए प्रतीक्षा-सूचियों की वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है;

(ख) मध्य दिल्ली और दक्षिणी दिल्ली में ऐसे कौन-कौन से टेलीफोन केन्द्र हैं जिन्हें अभी तक पूरी तरह से इलैक्ट्रानिक केन्द्र में परिवर्तित नहीं किया गया है; और

(ग) इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं और ये केन्द्र कब तक पूरी तरह से इलैक्ट्रानिक केन्द्र बन जायेंगे?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम): (क) 1.2.94 की स्थिति के अनुसार, टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों हेतु प्रतीक्षा-सूची की स्थिति निम्नलिखित है:—

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(ख) ब्यौरे नीचे दिए गए है:—

केन्द्रीय: 1. जनपथ II/पी सी क्रास-बार 34
2. जनपथ स्टोजर 38
3. जनपथ—I पी सी क्रास बार-31

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2. ओखला-I पी सी क्रास-बार-63
3. नेहरू प्लेस—IIएन ई सी-641
4. हौज खास-II पी सी क्रास-बार-65
5. हौज खास-II एन ई सी-66
6. चाणक्यपुरी-II पी सी क्रास-बार-67

(ग) मार्च, 1995 तक, एन ई सी एक्सचेंजों को छोड़कर, उपरोक्त सभी एक्सचेंजों को इलेक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंजों से बदलने की सम्भावना है बशर्ते कि सामग्री और वित्तीय संसाधन समय पर उपलब्ध हों।

Provision for Telephones to the Newspapers

799 SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased- to state;

(a) what is the policy of Government in providing telephones to the press (newspapers);

(b) how many telephones can be got by newspapers on priority;

(c) what are the guidelines in this regard; and

(d) whether Government fix up a particular quota of telephones to be given to newspapers, in view of the increasing number of newspapers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Sir, Government is registering requests of telephones for Press (registered newspapers, Journals and Magazines), under Non-OYT-Spl. category which is a priority category. Maximum two telephones are registered-one at the press office and another at the residence of the Chief Executive or Editor. For All India Publications, having circulations exceeding 1.00,00Q copies, the total entitlement will be four-one at the press Office, one at the residence of the Chief Executive, one at the residence of the Editor and one at the residence of the Assistant Editor or at the residence of any employee.

(d) No, Sir.

New STD PCO's ■nd Telecom, Centres In Nagpur

800. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of STD PCOs and Telecom. Centres in Nagpur;

(b) how many more are required;

(c) whether advertisements for new centres have been issued; and

(d) what is the criterion for selection of candidates for new telecom centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, there are 278 STD PCOs/Telecom Centres in Nagpur.

(b) It is proposed to add 147 new STD PCOs by the end of March '94.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Only unemployed persons who have Passed 8th or middle school and above in the case of rural areas and matriculate or High School and above in the case of urban areas are eligible to apply for allotment of STD PCOs Preference in given to the handicapped including blind persons, SC/ST applicants Ex-servicemen, War-widows, Retired DOT employees or their dependants, dependants of Freedom fighters and Charitable Institutions/Hospitals.

Telecom Centres in the Tribal Areas in Chandrapur and Gadchiroli

801. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many STD, PCO Telecom. Centres are there in the remote tribal areas of Chandrapur and Gadchiroli districts of Maharashtra;

(b) why have many centres not been allotted in these naxalite infested areas where they are specially required;

(c) whether Government would consider giving more centres to tribals in these areas; and

(d) what action will be taken in order to encourage tribals in making telecom centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) 3 STD PCOs are working in the remote tribal areas of Chandrapur and Gadchiroli districts of Maharashtra.

(b) STD PCOs can be allotted only In places where STD facility has been provided. By end of 8th Plan all exchanges are planned to have STD facility. STD PCOs will be progressively allotted in phase with the commissioning of STD facility in the exchanges of these areas.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Wide publicity is proposed to be given among the people in the tribal areas to run these STD/PCOs as and when they become feasible.

PCO's in the Residential Premises in Nagpur

802. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many PCOs are there in the residential premises in Nagpur city;

(b) how these PCOs have been sanctioned in; residential premises;

(c) whether these PCOs are being used for personal use of the owners;

(d) if so, what action will be taken against officers responsible for sanctioning PCOs in private premises;

(e) by when such action will be taken; and

(f) by when these PCOs in residential premises will be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) 5 PCOs have been installed in residential premises in Nagpur City.

(b) STD PCOs can be located even in residential premises so long as there is access to the public.

(c) to (f) In case personal use of PCO's is proved, sanction of such PCO's can be cancelled and instruction has been issued in this behalf.